

SECRETARY TELLER shocks the supreme court in five to four against the validity of the Thurman bill and fears on this account to push the suit against the Pacific roads. A poor excuse is better than none. Mr. Teller's duty is plain, whatever may be the composition of the court. If the supreme court, as is charged, has been packed in the interests of the monopolies, the sooner the public discovers that fact the better. Public sentiment is powerful even at Washington, as Garfield found when Stanley Matthews name came up for confirmation in the senate. A discussion of the court in the case of the debt due the government from the Union Pacific will definitely settle the composition of the supreme bench. The people are anxious to know who are for them and who are against them. When they have found out they know how to apply the remedy.

a government majority in the present reichstag is an insoluble problem which he busily engaged in preventing any union of the opposition, while at the same time he is preparing for a speedy dissolution of the reichstag. Throughout well laid plans to entrap his political enemies into obstructing highly popular measures he is aiming to secure more satisfactory results from the next general election and thereby to carry of a good majority pledged to return out his pet measures. Bismarck is now repeating in the German parliament the trick which he performed successfully in the Prussian landtag by insisting on relieving the poorer classes of the people from the harsh operation of the income tax. Inasmuch as he proposed to make good the fiscal deficiency thus created by increased customs duties, the progressives, who uphold the principle of free trade, found themselves constrained to assume a cold, if not positively hostile, attitude toward a bill in which Prussian workmen were so deeply interested. The demand that the reichstag shall give up their privilege of voting an annual budget in order that more time may be granted for the discussion of social problems is too shallow to impose on the more intelligent members of the legislature. It will, however, make excellent ammunition for the next campaign. In case the demand is refused the court will make the plausible appeal that the more the government discharges parliament because it persisted in wasting time over an annual consideration of the budget, to the neglect of the workmen's interests, while, if they would vote the budget for two years, there would be time to devote to the workmen's complaints.

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